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NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY AT MONTELMAR AIRFIELD, NICARAGUA (S)

1. (S/D) A new Soviet-style type-A obstacle course and a battery of six antitank guns (possible 57mm ZIS-2) were observed at Montelmar Airfield ([REDACTED] Figure 1), 25 nautical miles southwest of Managua, Nicaragua, on imagery of [REDACTED] This obstacle course (Figure 2), constructed since mid-August, is the fifth observed in Nicaragua, and the battery of antitank guns (Figure 3) is the first artillery of this type observed in Nicaragua.

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2. (S/D) Also observed was an occupied anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) site with six ZPU-4 heavy machine guns adjacent to a previously reported AAA site, now unoccupied, on the north side of the runway. Six medium tents were near the occupied AAA site.

3. (S/D) The activity at this facility has been increasing since mid-March, when a vehicle storage area was added, clearing of open areas was begun, and AAA equipment and training activity were first observed.

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